

Obituary for The Rev. Dr. C. David Hess

The Rev. Dr. C. David Hess passed away March 7, 2014 after a few weeks hospitalization in the Wilmont Cancer Center, Strong Memorial Hospital, from lung cancer. His courage and faith inspired staff and visitors alike.

Born May 31, 1949 in Charleston, West Virginia, he was a graduate of Berea College and received a Master of Divinity and a Doctor of Ministry from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. While in seminary, he pastored the Mt. Herman Baptist Church in Katawa, Kentucky. Subsequently, he served the Glenwood Baptist Church in New Jersey, the First Baptist Church in Hamilton, New York, and for 16 years the West Henrietta Baptist Church in New York, the longest pastorate in this nearly 200 year old congregation. Much loved and respected by his congregation and a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, he was active in the work of the American Baptist Churches of Rochester and Genesee Region and in many other local and statewide organizations for instance, serving as chaplain of the West Henrietta Fire Department for several years. His love of music was widely recognized both within his congregation and also by his active role in the Eastman Rochester Chorus.

Preceded in death by his mother Othell Hess, and niece Jill Hess, he is survived by his father Charles E. Hess, brother Gary (Marsha,) nephew Chad Hess (Tiffany,) niece Jan Miller (Derek,) great niece Lacey, great nephews Sawyer, Charlie and Waylon, and beloved dog Buster.

A memorial service will be held at the West Henrietta Baptist Church, 5660 West Henrietta Road, West Henrietta, NY 14586, on Sunday, March 16, at 3 pm.

Contributions may be made to the West Henrietta Baptist Church in memory of David Hess.

**March 16, 2014**

*Memorial Service—3 pm*



**Memorial Service for  
The Rev. Dr. C. David Hess**

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A Memorial Service  
In Gratitude for the life of  
**The Rev. Dr. C. David Hess**

**Organ Prelude**

**Call to Worship** Isaiah 61.1-4

The Rev. Dr. James A. Braker

**The Eastman Rochester Chorus**

"Salvation Is Created"

**Statement of the Occasion:** Obituary

The Rev. Alan Newton

**Invocation** (in unison)

*Out of your boundless love has come, O God, joy and peace and strength. We praise you for life, abundant and eternal. We rejoice in having been brought closer to you by your Spirit as expressed in the life of our brother, David Hess. Help us to feel your presence in these moments of remembrance and worship. Amen.*

\*Hymn 302 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (verses 1-4)

**Old Testament Lessons:**

Psalms 139.1-10, 23-24 Isaiah 40.27-31

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

**New Testament Lessons:** I Peter 1.3-9 John 14.1-3, 15-21, 25-27 John 3.16-17

**Remembrances**

James Braker & Alan Newton

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Trust**

\*Hymn 368 "My Hope Is Built"

**Benediction**

**Postlude** "Yorkshire Processional"

Gordon Young

You are invited to linger and share with one another in the Fellowship Hall for light refreshments and/or the Fire Hall behind the Church where hot food will be available.

Our appreciation to the members of the Eastman Rochester Chorus of which David Hess was a member and to the West Henrietta Fire Station for their support in behalf of David Hess who served as chaplain of the Henrietta Fire Department. Our thanks to our

organist Beverly Bixby.

Presiding at the memorial service are Alan Newton, the Executive Minister of the American Baptist Churches of Rochester and the Genesee Region, and James Braker, a member of West Henrietta Baptist Church and longtime friend of David Hess.

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**"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"**

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and Heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

**"My Hope Is Built"**

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus's blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. *(Refrain)*

*Refrain: On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *(Refrain)*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay *(Refrain)*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!  
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne! *(Refrain)*